

## WRITER'S THOUGHT CRAMP

The Way the Flood of Inspired Ideas Ebbs and Flows.

If the fiction writer has his delicious moments, when he tastes the joys which come with the excitement of creative composition—and these he undoubtedly has—also he knows distressing periods of mental apathy.

He has been working away at top speed, full of gladness in that subtle fabric which his pen weaves in the warp and woof of paper and ink. His head is packed with inspired ideas, like a gift box from the gods. His hopes ride high. His ambitions scrape the clouds.

Then something happens. It is not a snap, a break, a crash—nothing so tangible. It is just a ceasing. Abruptly, unexpectedly, all his fine thoughts vanish. No longer is life a country of majestic, white-robed heights and alluring purple-toned valleys. All is flat and gray and bleak.

Just about now, if the writer only knew it, is a most excellent time to go fishing.

At last, baffled, discouraged, heart-sick, he sits with his head in his hands, contemplating with foolish self-pity the melancholy spectacle of himself.

But, like drought and flood, war and pestilence and all other ills great and small, it passes. And he knows not how or when it goes. Days after he wakes up to find himself, pen in hand, hard at work again. Of its own accord apparently the machine has set itself in motion.—Sewell Ford in The Reader.

## Saved Ann a Ducking.

A colonial shrew who was threatened with the ducking stool was once saved by this plea:

"You wish to duck Ann Willott to cure her?" her defender declared. "Now if she be not cured where is the gain in ducking her? And if she be cured all the women who now keep a guard over their tongues through distaste to be likened to such a known, notorious and contemptible scold as Ann will do so no longer; but although it is not like any should become such as she, yet all will scold a little more than now they do, the check of her example being removed. Now, it is better that Ann, being a single woman without family to afflict, should go unpunished and unducked, but despised by all, and wage her tongue as she will, standing there in for the whole town, than that she should be silenced and the tongues of other women run more free."

This argument seems to have prevailed for Ann Willott was never ducked.—Youth's Companion.

## Stephenson's Birthplace.

In a red tiled two-story house on the road between Newcastle and Hexham, England, was born George Stephenson, the inventor of the first practical locomotive, on June 9, 1781. He earned his first regular money—a shilling a week—for looking after cows, and he was eighteen before he learned to read. The modeling of engines in clay, and when he grew up toward unaided he had charge of engines and displayed his inventive genius in their improvement. At last, in 1813, he produced his first locomotive, which he called a traveling engine. Lord Ravensworth was called a fool for advancing money for the construction of a locomotive. A few years, however, proved that Lord Ravensworth was not so foolish as people supposed, for in 1825 the Stockton and Darlington line was opened for traffic.

## The Electrical Current.

The path traversed by a heavy current of electricity in passing through the body is a matter of great importance. The most dangerous is from one hand to the other, because the resistance of the path is low and because the current passes near the heart. Hence it is a good rule in handling live conductors to use but one hand. An important rule to observe in rescuing a person in contact with a live wire and when it is impossible to cut off the current is to push the victim off with one foot. Even should the current pass from one foot to the other through the rescuer the resistance of the path is considerable, and as the current does not pass near the heart serious injury is not likely to result.

## Proof of a Conspiracy.

The following story is told in explanation of the reason why the teaching of chemistry in Turkish schools is forbidden some years ago. It is said to be a true story. The ruler of the faithful the opening an elementary textbook of chemistry was the formula for water, H<sub>2</sub>O. "Here," said the sultan, "is proof of a conspiracy to undermine my authority in the eyes of my subjects. If two O's—that's nothing but a sly way of intimating that Hamid II. is a naught."

## Beyond Belief.

Mr. Hunter (reading)—Hunt! This advertisement says "roomy flat to let." Talk about your "condensed life!"

Mrs. Hunter—How do you mean?

Mr. Hunter—Well, if it's really a flat it can't be roomy, and if by some miracle it should be a roomy flat it wouldn't be "to let."—Philadelphia Press.

## Worked Both Ways.

Juggles—Are they good divorce lawyers?

Waggles—Best in the business. They've originated over a hundred different ways of collecting alimony and many more for evading the payment of it.—Judge.

In one of the Howe Islands, off Australia, is a banyan tree the branches and trunk of which cover nearly seven

## A Million For Advice.

Sometimes repaying a client pays a lawyer well. There is a persistent story, which probably will never be printed as to names and details, that a famous trust-mingate paid a lawyer a million dollars in cash for simply saying to him: "Don't fight. If you insist on fighting I will take your case. But if you fight remember all your books will be opened and all your methods disclosed." The bewildering munificence of that instant fee of a million was a record for wise philanthropy which showed the genius of the philanthropist. Never was a fee better earned if the tale is true.—Everybody's Magazine.

## A Cautious Answer.

A writer on New England and New England people some years ago said that the caution of the New Englander in giving an answer to a direct question was illustrated to him one day when he asked an eastern friend whose family were not noted for very active habits, "Was not your father's death very sudden?"

Slowly drawing one hand from his pocket and pulling down his beard the interrogated cautiously replied, "Waal, rather sudden for him."

## Heroic Measures.

"I'm after a servant girl," said Hauskeep; "one with a good, big appetite preferred."

"That's rather an unusual request," began the employment agent.

"Well, I've got to put a stop to this business of having things warmed over the next day."—Philadelphia Press.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

TO THE CONSTITUTION.

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

As required by an act entitled "An act to provide for submitting proposed amendments to the Constitution of this State to the people thereof," approved April 8, 1903, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of September, 1903, a

## SPECIAL ELECTION

will be held in the several election districts or precincts of this State, at such places as the clerks of the several townships, cities and municipalities of the State shall provide to enable the electors qualified to vote for members of the Legislature to vote for or against each of the following proposed amendments to the Constitution:

S. D. DICKINSON, Secretary of State.

## ARTICLE V.

## ELECTIVE.

1. Insert in lieu of paragraph 10 a new paragraph, as follows:

10. The governor, or person administering the government, the chancellor and the attorney-general, or two of them, of whom the governor or person administering the government shall be one, may remit fines and forfeitures and grant pardons, after conviction, in all cases except impeachment.

## ARTICLE VI.

## JUDICIAL.

1. Insert in lieu of Section 11 a new section, as follows:

1. The court of errors and appeals shall consist of a chief justice and four associate judges or any four of them.

2. In case any judge of said court shall be disqualified to sit in any case, or shall be unable for the time being to discharge the duties of his office, whereby the whole number of judges qualified to sit in the court shall be less than four, the governor shall designate a justice of the supreme court, the chancellor or a vice-chancellor, to discharge such duties until the disqualification or inability shall cease.

3. The secretary of state shall be the clerk of this court.

4. When a writ of error shall be brought, any judicial opinion in the case, in favor of or against any error complained of, shall be assigned to the court in writing; when an appeal shall be taken from an order of decree of the court of chancery, the chancellor or vice-chancellor making such decree or order shall inform the court in writing of his reasons therefor.

5. The jurisdiction heretofore exercised by the supreme court by writ of error shall be exclusively vested in the court of errors and appeals; but any writ of error pending in the supreme court at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall be proceeded upon as if no change had taken place.

## Section IV.

1. Insert in lieu of paragraph 1 a new paragraph, as follows:

1. The court of chancery shall consist of a chancellor and such number of vice-chancellors as shall be provided by law, each of whom may exercise the jurisdiction of the court; the court shall make rules governing the hearing of causes and the practice of the court where the same is not regulated by statute.

## Section V.

1. At the end of paragraph 1 add the following:

The court may sit in divisions at the same or different times and places.

## Section VI.

1. Insert in lieu of paragraphs 1 and 2 the following:

The court of common pleas shall be constituted and held in each county in such manner as may be provided by law.

## ARTICLE VII.

## CIVIL OFFICERS.

## Section II.

1. Insert in lieu of paragraph 1 a new paragraph, as follows:

1. Judges of the court of errors and appeals, justices of the supreme court, the chancellor, the vice-chancellor and the judges of the circuit court and of the court of common pleas shall be nominated by the governor and appointed by him with the advice and consent of the Senate; all persons now holding any office in this paragraph named, except the judges of the court of errors and appeals, as herebefore existing, shall continue in the exercise of the duties of their respective offices according to their respective commissions or appointments; the judges of the court of errors and appeals, except those first appointed; the justices of the supreme court, the chancellor and the vice-chancellors shall hold their offices for the term of seven years, and shall, at stated times, receive for their services a compensation which shall not be diminished during the term of their appointments; and they shall hold no other office under the government of this State or the United States; the judges of the court of errors and appeals first appointed shall be appointed one for three years, two for five years and two for seven years; judges of the court of common pleas shall hold their offices for the term of five years.

## Strike out paragraph 2.

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## Living, Yet Dead.

In a German law Journal may be found a curious account of a woman who, though actually living, is legally dead. Some years ago she disappeared from her home, and after three years had elapsed the court formally pronounced her dead and turned over her property to her next of kin. Soon afterward she returned to her native place, and as there was no question as to her identity she naturally thought that she would have no difficulty in recovering her property. The court, however, flatly refused to comply with her request.

"You have been declared dead," it virtually said, "and it is impossible for us to regard you as living."

Thereupon the woman appealed to a higher court, but her labor was in vain, for the verdict of the lower court was upheld, and, moreover, an official notice was issued to the effect that the plaintiff, having formally been declared dead, could not now be restored to life, as the law understands that word, and must remain dead until doomsday.

## The Russian Bride.

A Russian bride has a very much more trying time on her wedding day than has her American sister, for she must fast until after the ceremony is over and that after enduring the trials of a "farewell party" the day before. As the wedding, to be fashionable, must not take place till the evening, it is easy to imagine in what an exhausted state the bride often enters on her new life. Besides bridesmaids there are also bridesmen, who have to provide the bridesmaids with sweetmeats. The number of bridesmaids is unlimited, and they are not dressed alike. Following the bridal procession is carried a picture in gold and silver of Christ, which is stationed against the altar. The bride's old nurse is intrusted with the removal of the bride's dowry from her father's house to that of her future husband.

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## [Chancery A-196]

SHERIFF'S SALE.—In Chancery of New Jersey. Between Emily S. Bultze, Jr., et al., complainants, and Howard J. Van Dusen, et al., defendants. Pl. fa. for sale of mortgaged premises.

By virtue of the above stated writ of fieri facias to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Court House in Newark, on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of September next, at two o'clock P. M., all those tracts or parcels of land and premises situate, lying and being in the township of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey.

First Tract—Beginning on the easterly corner of John D. Maxfield's land in the line of Newark avenue; thence running (1) in a south-easterly direction along said Maxfield's line eighty feet to a d. of Henry Richards; thence of easterly along said Richards' land eighty feet to Newark avenue; thence (3) along said Newark avenue sixty-two feet to the place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to J. Frank Fort by the Sheriff of Essex County under the decree of the Court of Chancery in a suit wherein Henry Richards was complainant and Patrick McLaughlin was defendant and to said J. Frank Fort by deed recorded in Book U. L. of Deeds for said Essex County on pages 88 and 89.

Second Tract—Also all those tracts or parcels of land situate in the township of Bloomfield, and contiguous to the tract above described, and described as follows: Beginning at the rear or northeast corner of property belonging to Mrs. Caroline D. Davis, wife of Dr. Joseph A. Davis, and situate on Frank Fort's property of David M. Day, and from this beginning point running (1) about the line of said land of Davis, east of the estate of John Doyle, one hundred and thirty-nine degrees west one hundred and sixty-seven feet six inches to John D. Maxfield's line; thence (2) along his line north thirty-eight degrees and thirty minutes east one hundred and thirty-seven feet six inches; thence (3) along his line north twenty-three degrees and thirty minutes west sixty feet and nine inches; thence (4) along line of said John F. Maxfield north sixty-six degrees and forty-five minutes east two hundred and thirty feet to the center of Newark avenue; the said avenue having a width of sixty-six feet; thence (5) along said center line of said avenue north eighty-eight degrees and thirty minutes east one hundred and four feet; thence (6) to the center line of Newark avenue south thirty-four degrees and forty-five minutes west four hundred and forty-eight feet four inches to the beginning; together with all the rights of the said party of the first part in and to so much of said tract as is heretofore designated as part of Newark avenue aforesaid.

Third Tract—A so-called tract beginning at the northeast corner of the heretofore described tract at a point two hundred and twenty-three feet five inches distant from the northeast corner of the first tract, and hereafter conveyed to said J. Frank Fort, measured on a course of south eighty-eight degrees and one-half degrees west thereon to the center line of said land belonging to John D. Maxfield south one and one-half degrees east two hundred and twenty feet; thence (2) along the same north eighty-eight degrees and one-half degrees east one hundred and eighty feet to the center line of Newark avenue aforesaid; thence (3) along the last mentioned line and the said land formerly of J. Frank Fort to the northwest corner thereof one hundred and eighteen feet; thence (4) along the last mentioned line south eighty-eight degrees and one-half degrees west two hundred and twenty-three feet five inches to the place of beginning. Containing one and fifteen hundredths of an acre of land more or less, together with all the right, title and interest of the party of the first part in and to the said Newark Avenue abutting upon the said land hereby conveyed. Being the same lands and premises conveyed to the said The Bloomfield and Montclair Crystal Ice Company by deed of J. Frank Fort, dated the twenty-ninth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and recorded in the office of the Register of Essex County in Book Q-25 of deeds for said county on pages 161 and 162.

Together with the buildings thereon erected with all the fixtures, machinery, boilers, engines, tanks, cans, scales, shafting, pulleys and all tools and appurtenances of every kind and description owned and used by the said The Bloomfield and Montclair Crystal Ice Company at the date of the giving of said mortgage in and about the business upon the said premises, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever as well in law as in equity of the said company of, in and to the same and every part thereof, together with all and singular the equipment, income and advantages thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining.

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